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Dear Colleague:

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It is with mixed emotions that I write to you but I communicate with a sense of pride, and optimism for the future. While I was not successful in my bid for re-election I will continue to support those ideals that resonate with us: safer communities, a vibrant Proviso Township and always good friendships.

While this election cycle provided me with many other challenges and I knew it was a possibility that I might not be successful. I did not expect that the current representative Chris Welch would involve himself in my race. In all of the years I have been paying attention to local races, sitting state representatives usually have not become engaged in local political races except maybe in their own community. Past representatives such as: Leverenz, Moore, Sharp nor Yarbrough have involved themselves in that capacity. If Chris lived here, I'd understand his involvement-but of course he does not. He came to me unsolicited several months in advance to advise me to "not believe the rumor" - that he would be supporting my opponent Gil Guzman. In fact, he said, "I support you." On Election Day, the very first call I received verified that Chris had a palm card in precincts supporting my opponent Gil Guzman. His efforts may have been just enough to tip the scale in favor of the winner. What he has done has caused great chaos and uncertainty for the place I call home. The old saying goes, "*Lies figure but figures don't lie*". There was absolutely no win in the numbers for Guzman.

Let me say for the record that I was not a fan of Chris Welch for various reasons and others that support me do not trust him. But I set aside my misgivings and supported his political agenda and bid for state rep. in the general election. His action breaches a trust that we have amongst each other and the only thing we have, is our honor and our word.

Aside from all this, it was great getting to know all of you, discussing our many shared problems and progress. I appreciate everyone's camaraderie, shared goals and objectives in getting things done for our region. Please let me know if I can be of assistance to you in the future. I have and always will be committed to public service.

Respectfully yours,

Henderson Yarbrough Sr.

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